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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Pehagen-Klausdorf-Kummersdorf Area

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 15 December 1953 to 6 January 1954

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 30 December 1953, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne, Klausdorf, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. At about 9 a.m. on 30 December, 7 trucks each towing a 76-mm AA gun and radio truck left the installation toward Wittenberg. The vehicles were occupied by each 8 soldiers and were loaded with boxes.

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2. At about 6:30 p.m. on 31 December, 11 special vehicles with engineers and 2 boxcars occupied by troops passed through the Sperenberg railroad station. The vehicles were three-axle trucks mounting what source believed were extendable foot bridges. At about 6 p.m. on 1 January, a shipment of about 6 AA guns, at least 5 rocket launchers and 2 boxcars was observed at the Sperenberg railroad station. The shipment was bound for Wittenberge or Wittenberg.

3. On 2 January, the barracks installation on Schunke Lake was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 6 January, the Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf firing range was occupied by about 3,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 22 December 1953 and 6 January 1954, exercises, including night exercises, were repeatedly observed in the partly restricted area west of the Kummersdorf-Sperenberg railroad line. The exercises involved an average of 300 to 400 troops. About 30 trucks were daily seen at driving practice during the period under review.

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5. Soviet officer families started arriving at the Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf-firing range after 15 December. They were quartered in the former billets for officials.<sup>3</sup>

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1. Comment. The elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div stationed in the Eisenbahnkaserne (3351) are confirmed there by AA guns and
2. Comment. According to occupation strength and service color, as well as engineer equipment observed at the Sperenberg railroad station, the barracks installation on Schunke Lake (3441) can be carried occupied as previously by the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The Wittenberg-Apollensdorf area is known as training area of this regiment. Source was not able to furnish more detailed information on the equipment mentioned. It is believed that the trucks mounted an extendable foot bridge.

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3. Comment. For information on the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf-firing range (3251?) see The description of location in the US Installations List appears incorrect. According to sheets Nos 3846 and 3946 of the Germany map, scale 1:25,000, it must be distinguished between the village of Kummersdorf, 2 kilometers northwest of Sperenberg, and the Kummersdorf firing range, 5 kilometers south of Sperenberg. The installation referred to as Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf-firing range is located immediately west of Panzer Kaserne (3283) and west of the Jueterbog-Sperenberg railroad line.

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